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Food & Drug Administration
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To whom it concerns,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to my congressman, regarding a proposed requirement in the current USDA/FDA appropriations bill. If enacted, the FDA would have to create "alternative terms" to describe irradiated foods in their labeling requirements.

I oppose this, as do many other Americans. Truthful labeling is critical. We don't want to buy irradiated products, for safety reasons. I buy only herbs that are labeled 'non irradiated'. And we shouldn't have to dance around, trying to find out the truth about a product, due to deceptive labeling.

I can assure you, rather than do that, many of us simply won't buy!

Truthful labeling remains a critical part of my purchases, and it is my wish that it stay that way. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Sen. Slade Gorton
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Dear Senator Gorton,

This letter regards the attempt to change and/or weaken the current FDA labeling laws for irradiated products.

The USDA/FDA appropriations bill (HR 4461/S 2536) has a section requiring the FDA to develop "alternative terms" for describing irradiated foods (such as "cold pasteurization, electronic pasteurization, etc.) The food and nuclear industries are pushing this, in an attempt to deceive Americans into buying irradiated foods. Wisely, more than half the public will not buy these tainted products, for well founded safety reasons.

For this reason, labeling should remain clear. If irradiation has occurred, the buyer has a right to know, to avoid it if they so choose.

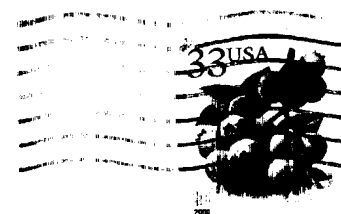
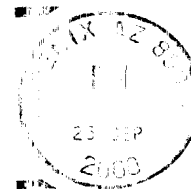
So much of government is controlled by the monied interests at the expense of the people. Senator, I urge you to remove any labeling language from this final appropriations bill.

Please let me know how you intend to proceed. Thank you.

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